

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 13-313

ENERGY NORTH NATURAL GAS, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On November 1, 2013, Energy North Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The IRP covers the period November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2018 and provides details of Liberty's resource planning process and strategies based on present market conditions and its current forecast of requirements. Liberty's plan includes an overview of its resource planning process, a detailed description of the method Liberty used to forecast demand on its system, a description of the analysis Liberty used to determine its normal and design planning standards, a description of how Liberty designed its resource portfolio to meet customer requirements under design conditions, an inventory of existing resources including savings related to energy efficiency programs, and a demonstration that Liberty's portfolio is adequate to meet customer demands under a range of weather and economic conditions.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374:4 and the Commission's duty to keep informed of the adequacy of Liberty's planning process including demand forecasts, gas supply and demand resource assessments, and the integration of supply and demand resources; and the potential environmental, economic and health-related impacts of the proposed options.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the

Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-313.html>. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Liberty to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than January 28, 2014, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 13, 2014; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 13, 2014, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

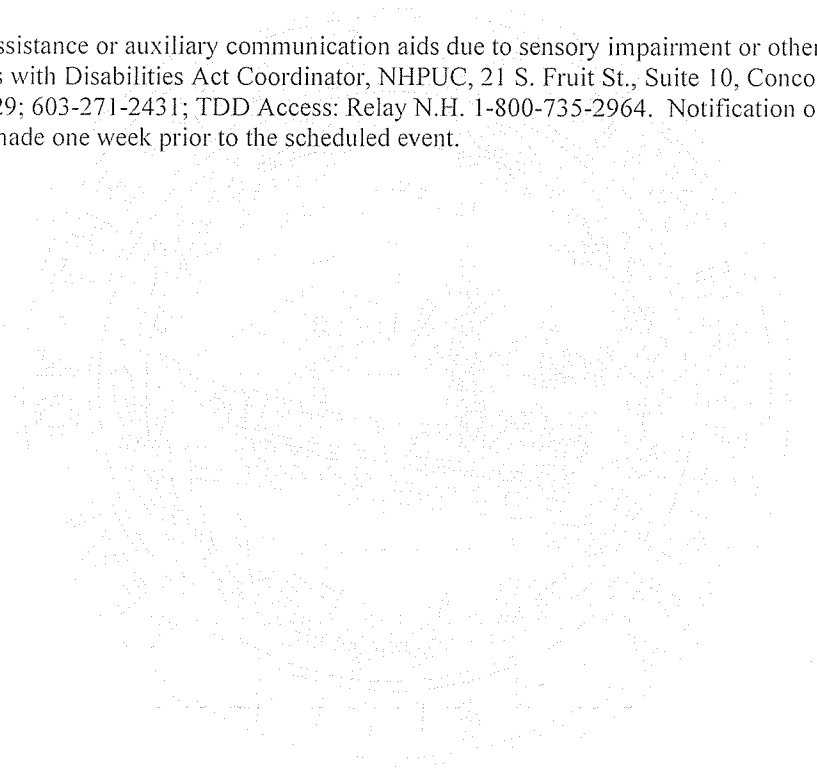
FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 18, 2014.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-first day of January, 2014.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.